MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : സർ, കോട്ടയം ആശുപത്രിയിൽ സാധാരണ ഫ്രീ ഇൻപേഷ്യൻറ്സ് ദിവസേന ഉണ്ടെന്ന് മറുപടിയിലുണ്ട്. അതനുസരിച്ചുള്ള ബെഡ്ഡ് ഉണ്ടോ?

DR S. JOHN : ഇല്ല.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH : അതിനു നിവൃത്തിയുണ്ടാക്കാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

DR . S. JOHN : അതിനായിട്ട് കൂടുതൽ കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടിവരുന്നു.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: സർ; ഇൻപേഷ്യൻറ്സ് കൂടുതലുള്ള സ്ഥിതിക്ക് ബെഡ്ഡ് കൂടുതലുണ്ടാക്കാൻ തയ്യാറാണോ എന്നു ചോദിച്ചതിന് കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടാൻ പോകുന്നു എന്ന മറുപടി.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the beds will be in the building.

DR. S. JOHN : കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടിയാലല്ലേ ബെഡ്ഡ് ഇടാൻ കഴിയുള്ളൂ.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN *(Nominated)* : കോട്ടയം ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ജലത്തിനു വലിയ വിഷമമുള്ള വിവരം വല്ല റെപ്രസെൻറേഷൻവഴിക്കും ഗവണ്മെൻറിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

DR. S JOHN : ഉണ്ട്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : അതിന്മേൽ ആക്ഷൻ വല്ലതും എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

DR. S. JOHN : ആക്ഷൻ എടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

Hospitals and Dispensaries.

255. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major hospitals, minor hospitals and dispensaries opened in the State at Government expense during 1119, 1120 and 1121 respectively;

(b) whether they have any scheme for extending medical aid to rural population; and

(c) if so, what it is?

DR. S. JOHN: *(a)* Major Hospitals.

	1119.	*1120.*	*1121.*
	Nil.	Nil.	Government Hospital, Alwaye raised to a Major Hospital.
Minor Hospitals	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Dispensaries	4	4	5

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(These are exclusive of the Floating Dispensary opened in Kuttanad for 2 months, and eleven malaria dispensaries opened in 1120.)

(b) Yes.

(c) (1) There is a scheme whereby Medical Practitioners who establish themselves in rural areas are given grants;

(2) New dispensaries at the rate of two or three are to be opened every year in areas where there are none at present; and

(3) Bi-weekly dispensaries are also opened where there are conveniences to do so.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Have the Government any statistics as regards the villages which have proper medical aid and as regards those which have not?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes. In the whole of Travancore except perhaps in a few places there are no places where we have not got either dispensaries or grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas. Where there are no Government institutions there are the Mission Hospitals. Where there are no dispensaries, there are grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas to deal with the patients. There should not be any overlapping. Except for a few places in the hilly regions where temporary medical aid is made available there are no places where medical aid is not available in Travancore.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: My question is whether Government have any statistics in respect of the matter and how many years it will take as per the scheme stated in the answer for medical aid being completed in the State. That is the elucidation that I want.

DR. S. JOHN: I cannot say that now.

MR. P. O THOMAS: May I know the additions made to the Alwaye Hospital in respect of staff and equipment in 1121?

DR. S. JOHN: The Alwaye Hospital was raised to a major hospital. There is an R. M. O., one or two Assistants and a Medical Unit. A pay ward is being constructed. Additional wards will be constructed shortly. As we get new hands next year, I think we will be able to appoint more doctors.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the actual additions made in 1121?

DR. S. JOHN: Three doctors, one mid-wife and two nurses were appointed.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Am I to take it that three doctors were appointed in 1121 in addition to the doctors already existing?

DR. S. JOHN: I should think so.

Opening of a dispensary at Erumeli.

256. ***MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representation for the opening of a dispensary at Erumeli;

(b) the date of the receipt of the same;

(c) whether any enquiry was conducted based on that; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken on the same?

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